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Didsbury clubs short on volunteers

Top expert to dish out solutions

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Talk with anyone involved in a local organization and chances are they will tell you it's a challenge to find volunteers.

It's not so much the weekend events that are short on help, but the dreary, long-term positions like treasurer on the library board or driver for the community bus.

And as mundane as these jobs may be, they provide an important service for the people of Didsbury, said Jolene Leutschaft, family and community support services coordinator.

She said Neighborhood Place used to have someone shuttle residents to Calgary for chores, like doctor appointments, but lately it's been hard to find someone to take the wheel.

"No one will do that type of transportation right now, so we can't fulfill that need," she said.

She is not the only one having problems finding unpaid help. Inez Kosinski, library manager, is having a hard time filling trustee spots on the library board.

"This is something that has been happening over

quite a few years, not just in the short while," she said.

"I think people's lives are full...I don't know if they have the desire to fill up the free time they have."

Even the Girl Guides are in the rough when it comes to finding help. The district commissioner of Sparks, Brownies, Pathfinders and Rangers has pulled the plug on Didsbury this year because few parents stepped forward to lead the groups. Those interested in joining the girls' troop will have to now trek to Olds.

With several organizations feeling the pinch, Active Creative and Engaged Communities (A.C.E.) is looking for solutions.

One member, Leutschaft, is thinking of creating a volunteer bank; a pool of approved volunteers for short-term projects and events that local groups could draw from.

It's something the community has never tried before and she will be looking to a international expert for help.

Linda Graff, who owns a consulting business for volunteer management is speaking in Didsbury October 7 and 8 in the first A.C.E. workshop held this year.

The expert has been

monitoring trends for years and says things are

not looking good for volunteerism.

The "veteran volunteers," or those aged 50 and older, have been working long hours and multiple unpaid jobs and are getting tired. It's time for the baby boomers to step up and take the reins.

"Will baby boomers go out and volunteer in the same way? My guess is probably not," Graff said.

That is unless organizations can give boomers sexier, more productive tasks than their predecessors had.

"These are smart, talent-

ed people with money and aspirations to stay active and connected; all of which competes for their time."

"If they are going to give up time, they want jobs that are demanding, short term and which make a difference in the community. They don't want to peel apples or lick envelopes."

According to Graff we are facing a huge problem in the very near future that could make volunteers an endangered breed and that is not just a problem for local organizations but the whole community.

"Think about how important volunteers are to your community and then imagine what it would be like without them. The stakes are pretty high."

The rural volunteerism workshop on October 7 and 8 is \$25 for ACE community members, which includes residents in Didsbury and Olds. The event will take place at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. For more information visit www.accommunities.ca or call Family and Community Support Services at (403)-335-8719.

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Asset project challenging

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The town is handing over a full accounting of its assets to Alberta this fall as part of a provincewide initiative for better stewardship and accountability.

Administration has spent three years on the books for this new management program, called the Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) Project; recording every road, bridge, pipeline and truck ever purchased by Didsbury.

The infrastructure, as old as half a century, is noted at the original cost and then depreciated over its useful life.

If the town purchased a \$10,000 vehicle and that vehicle has a five-year life, for example, then the municipality would record \$2,000 a year for amortization expense.

If it sounds complicated, don't feel too bad. The Alberta government is calling this one of "the most challenging efforts local governments face" and councillors are still trying to figure out what this new system means for town management.

It's one of the main topics for the councillors' retreat this fall.

According to Harold Johnsrude, a local businessman and provincial consultant for this new project, this is meant to bring the age of assets to light so municipalities can plan for the future.

Local governments were raking in big deficits because officials weren't setting aside dollars to renew old infrastructure.

"This will (show) what needs to be replaced and when and in doing so help towns plan for the long term. They can put dollars aside into a replacement reserve," he said.

This is a process businesses have practised for years and one the federal and provincial governments signed onto in the year 2000.

In 2006 the province broke the news to town councils everywhere, that although tough, it was a much needed program to keep track of assets - something few were used to," said Johnsrude.

"Initially this wasn't received well at all because of the magnitude of work and the change of what (local governments) were used to," said Johnsrude.

"That is why they were given three years to do this."

The data is due in on the town's 2009 financial statements.

Chief Financial Officer for

Didsbury, James Reichenbacher said it definitely wasn't an easy undertaking. Although, it should prove a boon to administration by demonstrating "how we can be sustainable...and bring to light priorities, objectives and directions."

Reichenbacher said the town has provided some dollars for reserves prior to this accounting system but mainly relies on government grants to replace pipelines or buildings.

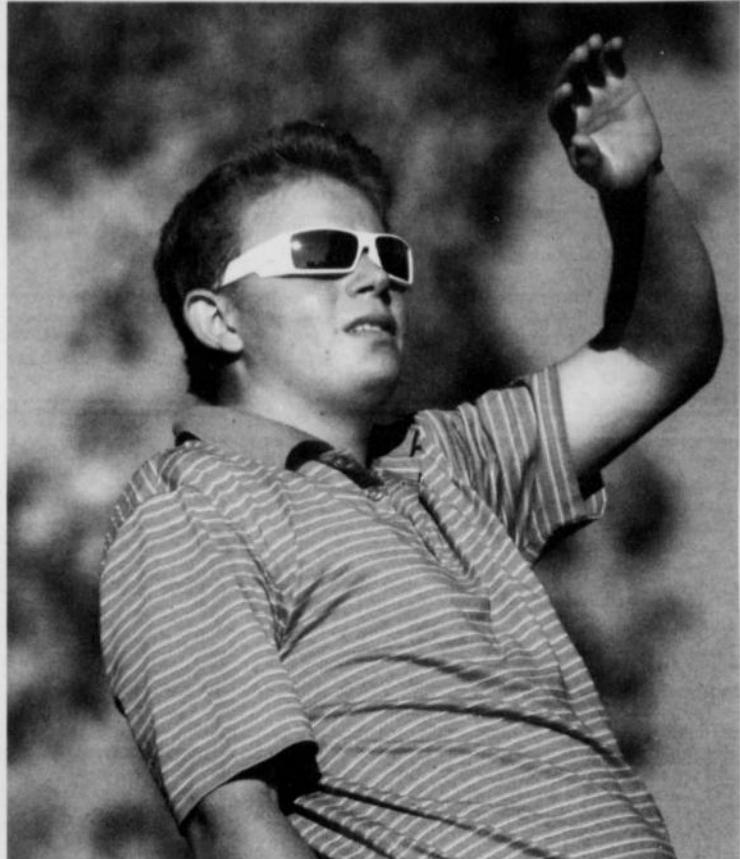
Despite this new system making it possible to create a better reserve system, Mayor Brian Wittal isn't sure that it's a good idea.

"That's a lot of money sitting there that can be used for other programs and projects," he said.

And though he isn't keen on the one aspect of this tangible capital asset program, he is looking forward to having a "great" system for stewardship.

Before now a lot of infrastructure placed underground would eventually be forgotten about, he said. It was only when something went wrong that the town would figure out where to get the funds to fix it.

"Residents will be able to feel comfortable knowing we realize what we have," Wittal said.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

GOOD VIEW — Cole Robertson sights his ball as it heads down the fairway at the South Central 1A/2A zone golf championships at the Carstairs Community Golf Club, Wednesday. Robertson finished second in the individual boys event and helped lead his Didsbury High team to first place in the zone and a trip to provincials.

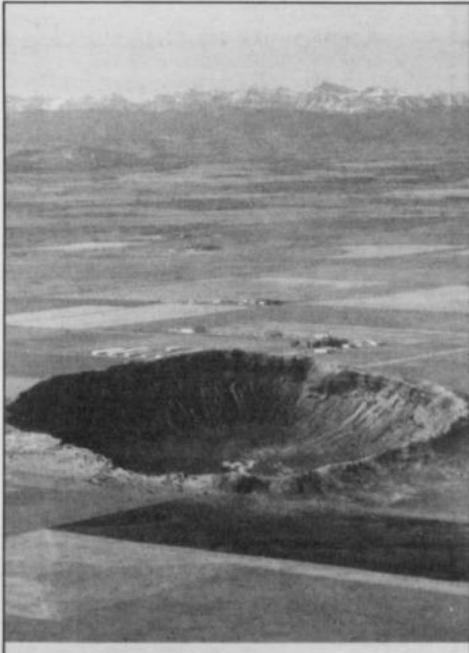
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Parents taught to talk drugs

BY MARK LAYCOCK
For the Review

Communication between a parent and child is crucial in educating children and teens about the harms of drug abuse. Unfortunately, many parents struggle to sustain that dialogue.

In an effort to build bridges between parents and their children, Janet Cornell, Hugh Sutherland School student councilor, and Didsbury partner Robbin Alexander, are offering a new program to parents dubbed Kids and Drugs.

The program is different from many other drug education programs in that parents are not taught the specifics about individual drugs, but rather stresses the importance of keeping an open communication channel between parents and their children.

"The most important thing about this program is that we do not educate parents on the drugs that are out there—how they're sold, what they look like, how kids use them, etc.," says Cornell. "This is all about improving communication with your child so you open those doors up when that child has questions about peer influences."

The two-month program invites parents to meet once a week at Hugh Sutherland School between 7 and 8 p.m., from Oct. 6 to Dec. 8. The program is being offered free of charge, with all materials being provided by the program.

Cornell says that although educating kids about drugs in school is very important, there also needs to be education at home so that children always have someone to go to when they need help.

"The more you educate your own children on drugs and sexual activity, the less they are even going to want to try them because the parent has opened that door to say, 'Hey look, you can come talk to us anytime about the dangers and what we want to instill in you now is (to) make some good choices.'

As a councillor at the school for the past 17 years, Cornell says that she has seen quite a few drug fads come and go, but what always stays consistent is that drugs are always a threat.

"What I usually hear is what kids usually use, and it's pot. Ecstasy was a big one a couple of years ago, it was (commonly) used and it was damn scary," says Cornell, adding that the most commonly used drug by students is alcohol.

Such concerns make it that much more important for parents to be open with their children. Cornell says that parents should be aware of where their children spend their free time and who their friends are.

"It's all a major communication process (parents) will go through just to open doors and just to make sure that kids will make some healthy choices."

A program like this will enhance their confidence as parents that we're all good parents but it's always good to get a little extra (knowledge) just to open the doors so there is two-way communication going back and forth."

Parents interested in the program can contact Janet Cornell at (403) 337-3326.

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Opinion

Commentary Oil field safety everyone's business

DAN SINGLETON



The oil and gas industry in West Central Alberta brings many, many benefits to the region and to the province as a whole.

Whether it's employment at gas plants, in the field or on the rigs, whether it's taxation that goes to support schools and hospitals, or whether it's outright donations to community groups, the industry helps in no small way to bring prosperity and progress to the overall community.

As such, the petroleum industry should be promoted and protected for everyone's sake.

Yet that same vital industry that helps drive the local and provincial economy unfortunately also remains vulnerable to groups and individuals who would use violence to bring a halt to oil and gas development.

While there haven't been any recently reported oil field attacks in West Central Alberta, there have been a rash of highly publicized oil field bombings in northeastern B.C. over the past year, with the culprit or culprits exploding bombs at EnCana pipeline facilities, putting workers and area residents in serious jeopardy.

Thankfully, no one has so far been injured or killed in the attacks. However, a newspaper in Dawson Creek, near the site of the bombings, has received letters warning that the attacks could become more severe unless EnCana shuts down its operations in the area.

Obviously this threat of future violence against the industry should be taken for what it is: an attempt to use terrorism to dictate public policy. As such, it should be met not with compliance but with vigorous police investigation and pursuit.

As with all forms of terrorism, the bombing of oil and gas facilities is a public safety issue that must and should be taken very seriously, wherever and whenever it happens in Canada.

And while the bombings have so far been focused in the Dawson Creek area, there is no reason to believe that the bomber or bombers won't someday make similar attacks in West Central Alberta, where there are literally hundreds of pipelines, wells, compressor stations and plants.

Hopefully the RCMP and their police partners will be able to bring the Dawson Creek bombers to justice before any other facilities are attacked and before more people's lives are put at risk.

Central Alberta residents can do their part by reporting any suspicious activities they see around oil field facilities in this region – helping the police stop oil field attacks before they start remains the best way to protect workers and the public at large.

At the same time, oil and gas companies, regulators, MLAs and other stakeholders must continue to do their part to ensure that legitimate environmental concerns vis-à-vis the oil industry are taken seriously and addressed in a timely fashion.

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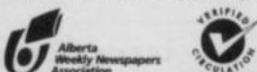
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Letters to the editor

Centre no boon to neighbourhood

It was with great interest that I read Tamara Cunningham's article in the Didsbury Review because as a resident who lives in close proximity to the Youth 360 program, I find myself in complete disagreement with what was written. As far as I can tell the centre is unsuccessful. It is a haven for teens to hang outside of the building to basically loiter and create all sorts of disturbances, including spinning tires, doing doughnuts in the parking lot, playing excessively loud music, smoking, drinking, swearing and littering.

Unfortunately this is what I have encountered for most of the summer and it all takes place in and around the Youth 360 Centre, a facility that initially had my support. I believed a supervised indoor skate park, recreational area and video arcade would be a great thing for the Didsbury youth, a place to hang out with friends, make plans for the weekend and just kick back without too much parental interference. However, if that was its original intention, the centre has sadly deviated from its purpose. My three-year-old

daughter has witnessed a fistfight between two girls and my six-year-old son has seen teenage drivers blow doughnuts and generally drive like idiots, all in the parking lot east of the curling rink.

Now that school has begun I find it especially tedious to have to listen to the loud music and the expletives that seem to flow forth from the mouths of these youth and it is not done just in regular conversation. It is with great effort and volume that these words must be heard apparently. My school age children are definitely adding to their vocabulary all while they should be getting a good night's sleep.

I do not know what the answer is but I do hope that by moving the centre to another location, some of these problems that my neighbourhood is facing will dissipate. I sincerely hope though, that other Didsbury residents do not have to suffer through our experience upon relocation of the Youth 360 Centre.

M. Dawn Loades
Didsbury

Local kids need coverage too

I am writing in response to a piece your paper ran several weeks ago on minor baseball, namely, the Westerdale team. It was wonderful coverage of their efforts, it covered at least two pages of your paper, and was full of the excitement that surrounds any tournament.

I do find it a little funny that the teams that actually ran out of Didsbury, (DMBA, in fact) got no mention all year, nor any previous year since our involvement. We have countless kids, achieving countless successes and creating lasting memories right here within Didsbury. We have numerous parents struggling to keep Didsbury baseball viable and enjoyable, who all deserve recognition. You touted the Westerdale tourney as the first on the new diamonds. Again, funny that the tournament the Didsbury

mosquito team hosted there four weeks previously received no mention, though I am sure you would have had to have been under a rock to miss the activity that weekend.

At the risk of sounding like a whiner, I will say that it would have been nice to see a little coverage of our slightly more local kids, not to take away from Westerdale, though. Heck, we could have even thanked the town for dealing with us during the time we worked with the town to get the diamonds useable for the peewee and bantam age groups!

Thanking you for your time,

Norm R. Geist
Didsbury



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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, October 7 & 28, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

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Kim Boyd, Development Officer

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Habitat project toughest yet

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Didsbury Review

Raising roofs in Olds, Cremona and Sundre was child's play compared to the proposed build in Didsbury, Habitat for Humanity says.

Breaking ground in this community will be the "toughest project yet," said Chuck Brinton, chair of the non-profit group in Mountain View County.

The Mountain View Chapter of Habitat for Humanity has been building affordable housing in the region since 2005 and this is the first time the organization has had trouble securing funds for construction.

At this point the group is relying on funds from the provincial government and is unsure how many dollars it will get.

The chapter put forth a joint proposal to Alberta with other Habitat for Humanity groups in the province, earlier this year, so it can't apply for more funding.

As it awaits news on the joint call for financial aid, the organization has asked town council to apply for other government grants on its behalf. It also asked the town to cut out any fees associated with develop-

ment.

Councillors decided to hold off on any official decisions until the next meeting on September 29, but Mayor Brian Wittal said administration has already started applying for grants.

"As far as development costs and fees, I don't believe from previous discussions with councillors, that it will be a problem," he said.

"It's very important as a community and town that we support this initiative as much as we can because there is definitely a need for this type of housing."

The town was also asked by Habitat for Humanity to donate land, but "unfortunately we don't have a piece of property that would be...appropriate for them to build on," Wittal said.

As a result, this will be the first time Habitat for Humanity will have to dig into its own pockets to pay for property. In the past, land has always been donated by a private organization, municipality or federal government.

The extra cost the organization is now responsible for, about \$75,000, could drill into its savings.

"We will be building for sure, but the time frame

depends on funds," Brinton said.

The organization plans to be shovel-ready by spring 2010. It has a property already earmarked for a single home bungalow, though it may lose that land if it doesn't get funding before next spring.

Habitat for Humanity will know by December how much money it will have for the project. The province will divvy \$90 million for affordable housing initiatives in Alberta in December.

Harold Johnsruude, a member of Habitat for Humanity, said this project is "very exciting" and he hopes it pulls through for 2010.

There are people in the community who need the extra help, he said.

"They can't afford a down payment on a house and make too much to be considered for subsidized housing. There are people here caught in the middle."

"We want to help them own a home," he said.

Habitat for Humanity offers buildings to families at market value and arranges for an affordable, no-interest mortgage.

This would be the first affordable housing project done in Didsbury by the non-profit.

Didsbury Fun League Hockey Registration

On behalf of Didsbury Fun Hockey and parents I would like to say Thank You to all our coaches, on ice parent volunteers and team Mom's for the 2008-09 season. It was a very busy year with an increase of 32 players; they managed to handle the large teams during practice and the crowded benches during games. We will be making a few changes this year to accommodate our five age levels 4-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18 as of Dec. 31, 2009. We will make two teams per level if necessary and they will share regular Saturday practices. Games will be in Sundre, Olds, Sylvan Lake, Drumheller, Three Hills and Big Valley Fun League teams. The number of games each team plays will be decided by the coaches/parents for each team. This is a Fun League Hockey program that has a no checking or rough play policy. This year every player 8-18 years old will have to read and sign a FAIR PLAY CODE before being allowed on the ice. Every player requires full hockey equipment and Didsbury Fun Team will supply a hockey jersey.

Registration will be on Sept. 24 at the Didsbury curling Rink from 6-8pm, we are apart of Showcase Didsbury. This year we will have two tables to handle the new and returning players. The ice fees will stay the same \$110 for 8 - 18 yrs and \$50 per player 4-7 yrs. There is also an insurance fee of \$10 per player or plus a one time fee of \$25 per player for new players.

If you are interested in playing please give me a call at 335-9354 after 6 P.M.
Darcy Timmins, President



Photo submitted

GIVING GIFTS - Jersey, a Grade 2 student at Ross Ford Elementary, was given a therapeutic bicycle this summer by to help her with muscle development. This is the second such bike the Didsbury Elks have donated to a local family. Pictured above are Elk members, Keith McKinnon, Gerry Samoisette and Bill Ward and parents April and Thomas Bobit with their daughter Jersey.

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Phil Dube, Laura Tanner, Jeremy Heistad,

Kevin & Lynn Doering, Audrey Campbell,

Nick Davidson, Kimberly Davidson, Jeff

Kruse, Stefanie Hafford

Feds release flu shot priority list

Didsbury decides on vaccine

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Shannon Flear can go to the front of the line this fall when Canadians are offered the H1N1 influenza vaccine. If she decides she wants to.

The local mom is 26 weeks pregnant and considered among the highest risk for developing serious illness, but deciding whether or not to take the shot isn't easy.

Flear doesn't want to lose her baby to the flu but neither is she keen on taking a newly developed vaccine.

There is not enough knowledge about the long-term effects, she said.

"This is scary. I don't know what to do. I plan on talking to my doctor about the vaccine as soon as possible."

Her five-year-old daughter, Bria, is also on the priority list and if Flear decides to get it, so will she inoculate her child.

"She is at school with 300 other kids and has an issue washing her hands, so it would be extra protection," she said.

"None of us want to get sick because she picked up something at school."

Last week the nation's top doctor announced pregnant women, children aged six months to five years, health-care workers and people with chronic health conditions, like diabetes, are on the federal priority list.

That means these groups can go to the front of the line when the vaccine arrives in communities this November.

"We want to target those who'll benefit most from vaccination and those most at risk," said Dr. David Butler-Jones, Canada's chief medical officer.

He said those who need it most will get the vaccine "as quickly as possible," but that doesn't mean other Canadians will be rebuffed at flu clinics.

"Everyone who wants to be immunized will be. No one will be left out."

The Canadian government has ordered 50.4 million doses of H1N1 and 7 million people are estimated to be in the priority group.

Butler-Jones said the first batch, about 10 million doses will be available in the third week of October and by November there should be enough vaccine to meet everyone's needs.

"We should have about 3.5 million doses every week (after the first batch); the whole population will be vaccinated very quickly."

As well, he said people may not get the vaccine in the exact sequence suggested. Each province can use the guidelines as it sees fit, so some flu clinics could be asked to deliver immunizations to everyone who wants the shot, at the same time.

In Alberta, it's not clear how the priority list will roll out and Alberta Health and Wellness is not releasing any information about the vaccine until October.

Howard May, spokesperson for Alberta Health and Wellness, said past experience shows people rush to local clinics if they know too much about the vaccine ahead of time.

He did say, however, that Alberta Health and Wellness will use "the federal government's (list) as a guideline."

The H1N1 virus, which has barrelled across the globe, infecting up to 30 per cent of the population and killing 76 people in Canada, is expected to hit hard this fall. With a

vaccine now on the verge of completion, people will need to decide who takes the needle.

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, 40 to 60 per cent of the population are gearing up to say no to the inoculation.

The numbers concern medical professionals who say the best way to beat this flu is for everyone to get immunized.

Dr. James Talbot, acting chief medical officer of health for Alberta, said the vaccine will go through rigorous testing by Health Canada and should be both safe and effective by the time it reaches local health units.

Nine thousand subjects worldwide have rolled up their sleeves to test the drug and 2,000 people will be tested here in Canada.

"It is fair to say this will have the most surveillance of any (vaccine)" Talbot said.

Lynne Martens, public health nurse in Didsbury, isn't sure what the uptake will be for the vaccine here since "people are hesitant and if anything, concerned about their safety," but she is getting the vaccine herself.

"I am confident in the Canadian system for testing...I believe this is safe."

When the question of taking the inoculation was put to four local parents, none of them knew much about the vaccine but all said it was something they planned to investigate before they went to the local clinic.

"I really do not know much about it, but I am pro-vaccines," said Laura Bateman, parent.

"Sometimes you have to take a leap of faith. I am just putting my trust in the doctors and nurses and researchers and hoping that this is the right thing to do."

Questions plenty about H1N1 preparedness

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

With the medical system already short-staffed and strapped for space, provincial officials are questioning whether we have the resources to cope with pandemic flu outbreak.

"We are busy now, let alone if a pandemic strikes," said Heather Smith, president of United Nurses of Alberta.

"We don't even want to think about what will happen in terms of a stretched work force."

Concern about Alberta's readiness for a second wave of H1N1 comes in the wake of acute bed cuts in urban centres and staff-shortages province-wide.

Cases of H1N1 have been mild so far, with only a small proportion becoming seriously ill. Seventy-six people across Canada have died of the virus since it hit Canada last spring.

What worries Smith is cuts are happening now with the province on the verge of a possible outbreak and an unprecedented vaccine program.

This is the first time every citizen in Alberta will be offered a free seasonal flu vaccine and H1N1 shot. The H1N1 vaccine should be ready in early November.

The province hasn't shared its pandemic plan with Smith yet but she said they've told her the burden on health-care workers will be mitigated by bringing on pharmacists and licensed practical nurses to give the shots. The medical super-

board is also willing to hire retired medical professionals if the flu hits with a vengeance this fall, Smith said.

"We will find out real soon if we can carry this off," she said.

Lynn Martens, public health nurse in Didsbury, isn't sure yet how the local health unit will juggle the newly developed H1N1 vaccine with other shot programs.

"It will definitely be a busy season, but we'll be ready."

Local nurses roll up sleeves for Hepatitis B, Gardasil, seasonal flu and baby boosters every fall - and now the H1N1 shot.

Though this new drug will be their top concern.

"We will be prioritizing the H1N1 pandemic vaccination system and our workload will change in order for us to do what must be done, even if that means back burning some things until the crisis is over," Martens said.

The Didsbury health unit is waiting on word from the province on how the vaccination program will work and what may have to be sidelined.

Alberta's Pandemic Plan, which will detail how hospitals will be staffed to handle an outbreak and the vaccine distributed, is not yet finished.

Alberta Health and Wellness and Alberta Health Services say the strategy won't be released until October. Until then the govern-

ment won't share any aspects of the strategy or comment on health-care delivery to anyone, including health-care professionals and colleagues in the legislature.

"We do have plans in place for the vaccine and appropriate staffing levels...but it will be revealed closer to the (vaccine) rollout," said James Finstad, spokesperson for AHS.

"It is still in the works."

Howard May, spokesperson for Alberta Health and Wellness, the provincial body monitoring H1N1, said if the plan is released too early it "won't reach people. It won't have the same impact."

With the province slow to release a strategy, Dr. David Swann, Liberal leader, said it's no surprise people are concerned.

"It is unclear how this new plan will roll out...it will be one thing to have a plan for H1N1 and another to have the resources to deal with it," Swann said.

"We've lost hospital beds. The emergency rooms are plugged. We have left ourselves with so little reserve in the hospital system that we will simply be up against a wall, if and when large numbers of sick people need emergency care."

Swann and his party plan to ask tough questions when the legislature reopens in mid-October.

But as of the moment, are we prepared on an outbreak?

"I don't think so," Swann said.



"It is unclear how this new plan will roll out...it will be one thing to have a plan for H1N1 and another to have the resources to deal with it."

DR. DAVID SWANN
Liberal Leader

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The town has created a website for the H1N1 vaccine program taking place on September 25 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Didsbury Legion. Volunteers from the Legion will be on hand to help people to participate in helping to administer the vaccine to different areas of town.

Other groups participating in the trials include Special Olympics, Ryerson University, the Canadian Legion, the Alberta Firemen's Association, and many others.

"This year there is a great opportunity to participate in the program," said Janice Dohle, director of the Town of Didsbury. "There is just a billion opportunity to contribute to the ownership of our community."

Community Living Didsbury, a locally owned business that works with seniors, disabled adults and youth to help them live more independently, will be one part of picking up and dropping off those individuals going to the vaccine clinics.

Community Living Didsbury, along with the Legion, will be providing transportation to the vaccine clinics.

"The whole purpose of this is to make our community, for everybody, a better place to live," said Dohle. "We are trying to make sure that everybody has access to the vaccine, especially the elderly, disabled and youth."

The town will be selling \$10 tickets.

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CITIZENS ON PATROL - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBUY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coutts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835.

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TIME OUT Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighborhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S. Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-4281.

DIDSBUY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBUY SHUTTLE BUS Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

DIDSBUY ELKS LODGE Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays. Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBUY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free essential mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 403-335-8484 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL Delta @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

***-50 Club Hall Rentals.** For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call

Joyce Gee 403-335-2861. • To Rent Didsbury Elks Hall. Call Jim Wadel 403-3481. • To Rent St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall, contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • To Rent the Lone Pine Hall, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent Mountain View Community Hall for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 403-335-8860. • The Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

SPEND ONE HOUR A WEEK WITH A CHILD AT SCHOOL. Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works! Call Mountain View Mentoring at 403-586-0110.

Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona,

Didsbury, Olds & Sundre, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

DIDSBUY LIFELINE

Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-

335-3787, Don 403-

335-4676.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

CHORALISTS invite you to sing with us 7 p.m.

Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36thn

DIDSBUY ROYAL

PURPLE #317 Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd

Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collinge 403-335-4589.

ALANON: For family and

friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-

337-3762.

DIDSBUY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP For

friends and families of people with Alzheimer's

Disease and other forms of

dementia. Join us the last

Monday of each month, 7-9

p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge,

1100 - 20 Ave. Didsbury.

403-335-9848 Dolina

Watson, 403-335-7285.

DIDSBUY & DISTRICT

HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY

monthly meeting on the

first Tuesday of each

month at 2:00 p.m. In Unit

*Excludes weekends & holidays

Mondays. For more information call Cindy

4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

ADULT HALL WALKING at Westgreen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Also free blood

sugar testing on

at 403-335-9437.

DIDSBUY MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed.; Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment; Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277

DIDSBUY & DISTRICT Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBUY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come.

For information and time please call 403-335-1975.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS

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FRIDAYS - Cribbage starts at 5-0 Club at 7:00 pm.

ARC SENIOR RV'ERS CLUB - is looking for new members. No weekend camping. For more information contact Jim 403-289-8365 or Mary 403-932-5711.

STORYTIME - September 17 - December 17. Thursday mornings at 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Just right for preschoolers - NO FEE! Register at library 403-335-3142.

MIDWAY SCHOOL - We would like to welcome you to the midway community. We hope to provide you with some local treasures and information about midway. Contact Tanya @ 403-335-8862.

BABY DROP IN - at Didsbury Neighborhood Place 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month. 9:30 - 11:00am.

25th ANNUAL CARSTAIRS PUMPKIN FESTIVAL September 26, 09. Carstairs Curling Ring. 8:00 am. Entries accepted Sept. 25 7-9pm. Table rental Louise 403-337-3596.

HYMN SING & CONCERT Thrice & Company at Church of God, Carstairs. Free admission. Call 403-453-3693.

BREAST FEEDING CHALLENGE 2009 Oct. 3 at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place. Inviting all breast feeding mother & families to attend. More info Didsbury Public Health 403-335-7292. www.babyfriendly.ca/challenge/countrylist.php

CHURCH OF GOD YOUTH Annual garage sale. Friday Sept 25, 4-8pm. Saturday Sept 26, 9-3pm at Church of God, Carstairs.

OPEN HOUSE Didsbury Municipal Library is celebrating 50 years of excellence with Parkland Regional Library. Oct 6, 09 at 6:30 pm. 2033 19 Ave.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

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St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664
Rector - Rev Bonnie S. Luft

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Church: 335-3161 / Rev. 335-3365

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Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Pastoral Team: Richard & Beth Kope

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Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor • John Reimer, Assoc.

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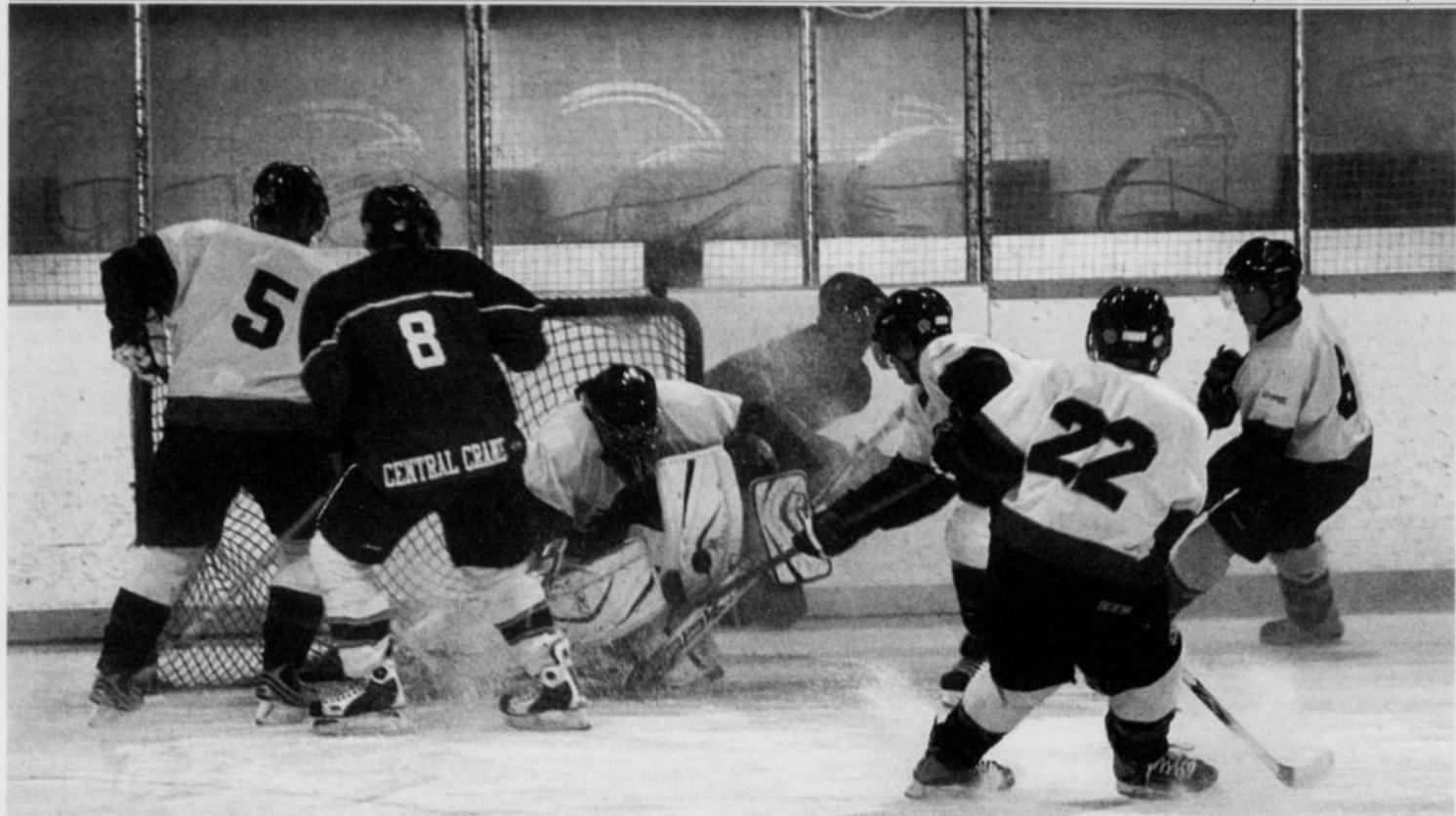


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FIGHT FOR THE PUCK • Mountainview Colts crashed the Three Hills Thrashers net during the exhibition Junior B action on Sunday. The Thrashers beat the Colts 7-2.

Colts won't let loss keep them down

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

The Didsbury Review

The Mountainview Colts weren't short of gusto when they burst out of their box Sunday, but a second loss in the exhibition series, showed the Colts still need time to get their legs underneath them.

With 10 rookies on the roster for the Heritage Junior B Hockey team, head coach Cliff Murphy expects some growing pains, considering it's a long way up from the midget level.

"We know we'll have some rough nights early because we are so young but the goal is to be good in February not September," he said, after the loss against the Three Hills

Thrashers.

In the second game against the Thrashers, the Colts ended the first period at a 3-0 deficit before Matt Richardson and Jason Edwards scored goals in the second period to bring the score to 4-2. Three quick goals - one 15 seconds before the end of the game - secured the Thrashers the win.

"We worked hard out there but the Thrashers worked harder and they had some lucky bounces go their way," said defenceman Danny Miller.

"It's still an exhibition, so we have time to improve and get ready for next time."

The team squares off against the same Three Hills Thrashers in the first game of the regular season, Oct. 3.

With Three Hills having defeated the Colts twice, Murphy expects it will be a tough game.

This year with a tougher schedule thanks to a division realignment this young team will be head-to-head with many of the league's perennial powerhouses.

"We will be up against two of the top teams in the league and will probably have some early growing pains against those teams," Murphy said.

"But once we get into the season I am sure we'll close the gap ... and be in a position to challenge any one of those teams in the playoffs."

The next exhibition game will at 8 p.m. against the Blackfalds Ford Wranglers, this Friday at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Fencers parry again on home soil

BY MARK LAYCOCK

For the Review

After spending the last four years in Didsbury due to a lack of space, the Carstairs Corsairs Fencing Club is back on home turf.

"We're called the Carstairs Corsairs, so it's good to be back in Carstairs," says Victoria Morgan, club secretary-treasurer.

The club is now operating out of the Carstairs Memorial Arena after space became available in the rink's upstairs multipurpose room.

The club, which took root in Carstairs in 2004, was created to bring a local flavour to the sport instead of fencers having to commute to Red Deer and Calgary for a weekly session. The club originally operated out of the Church of God gymnasium, but after just one year the club was in need of a bigger space to accommodate its growing membership.

After discovering a lack of options in Carstairs, Morgan says the club was forced to take up operation out of the Ross Ford Elementary School gym in Didsbury.

Now that the Town of Carstairs is offering space at the arena, Morgan says the club can return home. She admits the move left some with a little unease that the

club may lose some members, but the notion was soon abandoned following the club's registration on Sept. 9 when more than 50 fencers showed up.

"It was a phenomenal turnout and phenomenal interest for being back in Carstairs, it's great," she says.

Interest in the sport has been growing every year, so much so that registration for this semester is closed.

"It's unique, not a lot of people know the club exists, so sometimes word of mouth helps perpetuate it," says Morgan about the sport's popularity.

The club has members from not only Carstairs, but also surrounding communities such as Didsbury, Cremona, Sundre and Olds. Members range from little ones as young as eight years old, to seniors.

"Whether you're a girl or a boy or an adult or a kid, you can fence. It's an individual sport, but along with that you have a camaraderie of the people you fence with. Some of these kids have been with us for more than a year, so they're really a really close group and they support each other, but at the same time in a bout the intent is to beat them."

Morgan says that although it may appear to be a non-intensive activity, fencing is a great way for kids to stay active and in shape during the winter.

"It doesn't look like it's a really physically exerting sport, but it is certainly."

The club's first season runs from September to December, at which time another registration will be held for the January to April semester. Fencers can choose to sign up for the recreational or competitive program. Those in the competitive program have the opportunity to take on opponents from other clubs and at provincial tournaments.

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Get ready, get set, latch on

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

During the first week of October, local nursing moms will be showing the community it's OK to let babies latch on.

As part of the Breastfeeding Challenge on Oct. 3, women will gather at the Didsbury Neighborhood Place and simultaneously put baby to breast at 11 a.m.

The global event is meant to support nursing moms and encourage breastfeeding as the preferred method to feed and nurture infants and toddlers.

Of course the affair also has a competitive twist.

The Quintessence Foundation, the chief co-ordinator of the event worldwide, will be judging each location to see which has the most babies tucking in at one spot. Montreal has taken first place in Canada for the last two years.

"This is a little quirky...but it's fun and it gets the message out there about the benefit of breast milk," said Laura Wasko, lactation consultant and Didsbury public health nurse.

Despite a trend towards breastfeeding, there is still a need for education, she said.

What concerns her most is the message companies are sending out about packaged and canned formula being as effective as what babies can access naturally. It's not true, she said.

This is what your boobs are made for... I mean they look great in a shirt, but realistically...they provide food that has a lot of benefits for your baby.

GLENDA TORCHIA
event organizer

There are live cells in milk that formula cannot mimic and research shows those cells can reduce asthma, risk of obesity, diabetes and sudden infant death syndrome."

The challenge, which will begin at 10:30 a.m., is taking

place at a public venue to help make the practice of breastfeeding more acceptable.

There is nothing preventing women from breastfeeding in public, though many do it in the privacy of their own homes, Wasko said.

"By breastfeeding in public among other women, we are showing peer support and encouraging other women to come out of the closet."

Glenda Torchia, an organizer for the event, has breastfed all four of her children and will participate in next month's event for the second time.

"This is fun. A lot of moms are shy about breastfeeding and this is their chance to meet others who do it and...it just brings us all together," she said.

"This is what your boobs are made for... I mean they look great in a shirt, but realistically...they provide food that has a lot of benefits for your baby."

Torchia said there has been a healthy interest in the event so far, which has drawn an average of six moms annually since it was first held in 2005.

For more information about the challenge, call the Didsbury Public Health Unit at (403) 335-7292.

In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

Tuesday, Sept. 22 and Monday, Sept. 28

The Country Critters 4-H Multi Club, with the main focus on canine projects (obedience and agility) will be holding registration at the Rugby Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. Della at (403) 335-8767 and Pat at (403) 335-0002 will gladly answer your questions and take your registration.

Thursday, Sept. 24

The Mountain View Food Bank is in dire need of supplies. The Didsbury Lions Club with their helpers from Westglen School will be out in full force starting at 5 p.m. If you cannot be at home, please leave your donations on the front step.

Showcase Didsbury doors will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. on the lower level of the curling rink. Tables are going fast. Phone Neighborhood Place at (403) 335-8719 to book a complimentary table. This is the best opportunity to see how you can get involved in the community.

Eldon Foote Hall, doors open at 1:30 p.m. Betty Ann Piche will be doing a Tai-Chi demonstration. Come and take part. These demos will be ongoing and refreshments will be served.

Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26

The Friends of the Didsbury Library are having a book sale from 12 to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Sale location is Unit 3 dining room at the hospital. All proceeds to support the Didsbury Municipal Library and the hospital auxiliary.

Friday, Sept. 25

This is cribbage night at the 5-0 Club; play starts at 7 p.m. Come and meet new people, and enjoy the coffee and goodies served, and visiting.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

If you plan to go on the Community Bus to the casino in Calgary, please phone Bea at (403) 335-3058 to reserve your seat. The bus leaves the Complex at 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 5

This is registration night at the Didsbury Curling Club,

starting at 6 p.m. This is for all leagues: seniors, mixed, ladies, stick curling, and juniors. Come and find out all the details of the league, etc.

October 5 to 11

This is National Family Week. If you call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at (403) 335-8179, you will be informed of the many activities planned by the Didsbury F.C.S.S. – a magic class and magic show, a Family Fun Day at the Complex with swimming, skating, entertainers, lunch! Free giveaways, etc.

Jim and Fay Smith at (403) 335-2240 are taking registrations for floor curling which will start on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Games are played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the lawn bowling clubhouse east of the curling rink. All newcomers to town and district welcome.

Joyce Gee at (403) 335-2861 and Mona at (403) 335-0085 are inviting you to the carpet bowling season, starting at Friday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. at the 5-0 Club. Games are played Monday and Friday mornings. You will enjoy it.

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Second place, Team # 16
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Third Place, Team # 12
Scott Sinclair, Kelly Campbell, Kevin Campbell, Paul Biggin, Ken Terpstra, John Brazelle, Trevor Redmond

Also third place, Team # 18
Cliff Tuggle, Elmer Youngs, Vaughn Christenson, Duane Stanward, Gary Edwards, Gerry Tonn, Jim Tainsh

B Division
First Place, Team # 7
Brian Clazie, Gary Ellingson, Greg Hunter, Roger Lodermeier, Vic Sullivan, Miller McCay

Second Place, Team # 17
Don MacMillan, Jim Gole, Chris Aasen, Iain Patton, Bob Pearson, John Lucas, Duncan Milne

Third Place, Team # 14
Scott Wright, Trent van Dam, Ryle Edwards, Dean LaChance, Mike Howden, Dyrak Durocher, John Arbuckle, Arley Hobbs

Also third place, Team # 1
Brent Youngs, Dave Scott, Kevin Krebs, Don Edwards, Bert Decaire, Chris Clazie, Cal Brassard

Everyone had a great time and looks forward to the time next year when "it's time to get your team together." Thanks again, Dave, for all this info.



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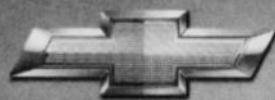
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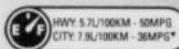
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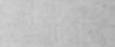
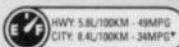
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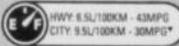
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Briefs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Students get school drive supplies

Back-to-school supplies were passed around to students last week as Kitz for Kids came to an end.

Kitz for Kids, a program run by Value Drug Mart to collect donations for school essentials, raised \$1,200 last month. Cash, crayons, and calculators were handed out to principals in Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona for children short on the basics.

"There is a segment of the population that...can't afford everything on the list. There is definitely a need," said Brad Blatz, owner of Didsbury Value Drug Mart.

The fundraiser usually collects between \$2,000 and \$3,000 dollars. They are down this year, which could be because of the economy or competing businesses, like Staples, that have done their own collections, Blatz said.

"From feedback from other Value Drug Marts...almost everybody has lower donations. We actually made double what the average store did."

Ross Ford Elementary received a portion of the supplies from the Kitz for

Kids drive and said it was "very much appreciated."

"We certainly used it this year," said Tabitha Powell, vice-principal of the elementary.

"It's a community effort and a wonderful show of care for the children here."

Didsbury police going to Olympics

Two police officers will be heading to the Vancouver Olympics next February, but don't expect them to bring home any medals.

The duo, not yet named, will be joining 600 other Mounties from Alberta in the 2010 Olympic Integrated Security Unit, set to patrol the winter games.

"This will be a whole new experience. It's a different type of policing and...a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

The local detachment is committed to sending two members, although they can't confirm names until closer to the Olympics.

Jacobson said court dates, potential health problems and family obligations make it difficult to

throw any member into the position yet.

Those picked could be absent from Didsbury for two months.

Provincially, K Division doesn't foresee any problems sending officers across the border, despite municipalities already being short-staffed.

"From time-to-time other officers will come in from neighbouring detachments to provide assistance where needed," said Cpl. Wayne Oakes, spokesperson for the RCMP in Alberta.

"At the end of the day I don't think there will be a single case in Alberta where a community is left without adequate policing."

Oakes said the G8 Summit held in Kananaskis in 2002 is a good example of how Alberta was able to offer security support and remain vigilant with community crime.

Like the Olympics, K Division was required to send a number of police to secure the event. Alberta made up for the loss by sharing police officers between municipalities.

RCMP sent to the Vancouver Olympics in 2010 will be doing the planning, pre-work and delivery.

"People have come up to us and said they were



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

CLOWNIN' AROUND - Bubbles the Clown tickles children's imaginations during the Heroes of Heart Gala Saturday. Stacy Jardine and daughter, Lexi, 3, enjoy the act.

ery of security for tourists, dignitaries and athletes.

Over 7,000 security personnel made up of RCMP and municipal police will be at the event.

Organizers of gala still getting donations

It wasn't the initial crowd drawn to Heroes of Heart Gala on Saturday that surprised organizers, but the donations streaming in afterwards.

"The spin off from the event has been really cool," said Alicia Fox, who helped co-ordinate the fundraiser for blood cancer research.

"People have come up to us and said they were

sorry they couldn't make it to the Gala but they'd still really like to donate."

Over 50 people turned out for the ladies tea, musical entertainment and children's games, Saturday, to raise an estimated \$1,200 was raised.

"Everyone seemed to have a really great time. It was an awesome crowd...we had lots of comments afterwards," Fox said.

Money donated for the gala will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada when

the organizers participate in the annual Light the Night walk, Sept. 26.

The money will help cover patient expenses, family counselling and blood cancer research - all causes near and dear to Fox.

Her uncle, Glen Penner, was diagnosed with lymphatic lymphoma seven years ago and has struggled with the disease ever since. He was recently told he has just months to live and the family wanted to honour him with this big bash.

CRIME WATCH

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Hit and run

At least two people found their vehicles victim to hit and runs this month. On September 4, a yellow Sunfire was struck, causing damage to the hood. Nearly a week later, a Dodge Ram, parked on Carriage Lane in Carstairs was also hit causing \$600 damage.

Stove stolen

A in the Cremona trailer park home was broken into overnight on September 11 and a \$3,000 wood stove was stolen. The RCMP have teamed up with Red Deer

Forensic Identification unit to glean any lingering evidence.

Golf course raided

The same thieves may have raided the Water Valley Golf and Country Club and Tooth of the Dogpound Creek club on September 16 and 17. Alcohol and golf clubs were taken from the Dogpound course and clubs were taken from Water Valley. A window was broken to get into the pro shop. The RCMP and the Red Deer Forensic Identification unit are looking into the break-in.

"At this point we have not ruled out that these are related...we are searching for two suspects at this point," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

This is not the first time Water Valley golf course has been hit by thieves. On August 31, the snack shack on the sixth hole was raided and a number of beer bottles taken.

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF AN EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE OCT. 13 PAPER AS MONDAY, OCT. 12 WE ARE CLOSED.

The Mountain View Gazette and Carstairs Courier AD BOOKING DEADLINE is Tues., Oct. 6 at 5 p.m., copy deadline will be noon Wed., Oct. 7. We need to have the MVG to press early Thursday.

The AD BOOKING DEADLINE for the Didsbury Review and the Olds Albertan will be Wed., Oct. 7 at 5 p.m., copy deadline Thursday, Oct. 8 at noon.

Silverfern Medical Clinic Welcomes new Doctor



Dr Andrew Jackson is thrilled to announce that his previous partner in Pincher Creek, Dr. Karen Brunner, will be joining the practice on Sept. 14/09.

Dr. Brunner trained in South Africa and immigrated to Canada in 1999. She has worked as a rural physician since that time in Pincher Creek, and worked with Dr. Jackson for 10 years prior to him coming to Didsbury last year.

Dr. Brunner is opening a practice in family medicine and has special interest and expertise in women's health including bio-identical hormones, pediatrics, obesity, and chronic disease.

She will be joined in Didsbury with her husband Heinie, an engineer in the oil and gas industry and her two beautiful kids Hein and Mario.

You can book an appointment with Dr. Brunner by calling the clinic at (403) 335-8895



Soldier visits family before trek to Afghanistan

BY PAUL FREY
For the Review

One local grandmother is brimming with pride and hoping that more people

like her will continue to support the men and women in the military as they continue with missions in Afghanistan.

"Support of our troops is really important. We want people to be aware of them and what they're doing and pray for them," said Ann Speirs.

Speirs' grandson, Tyler Loewen, will be departing for his second stint in Afghanistan within the next few weeks. Loewen, a 26-year-old master corporal with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Edmonton, recently visited Olds prior to his departure.

Loewen said he will be spending about seven months in the war-torn country — about the same amount of time he spent there during a stint in 2006. He said he believes Canadian troops are making life better for the citi-

zens of Afghanistan.

"We're making a huge difference to the people of Afghanistan and we're benefiting Canadians as well," he said.

This time around, Loewen and the other 2,400 Canadian troops will be accompanying the Afghan army in the field, mentoring them on how to keep their country safe from destabilizing forces. Loewen himself will be attached to a four-person Canadian team, attached to an Afghan unit that will provide a link between the Afghan army and other NATO forces.

Although Loewen said while his job can be difficult because he won't see his wife or daughters for several months, soldiers learn to put those feelings aside and concentrate on the task at hand. While every soldier maintains as much communication as



Paul Frey for the Review

DOWN TIME - Tyler Loewen recently visited with his grandparents Arnold and Ann Speirs in Olds. Loewen will soon be departing with the PPCLI for his second stint in Afghanistan.

possible with ties back home, "you really don't have time to be homesick. You kind of learn to compartmentalize," he said.

Loewen, who has been in uniform for eight years, said he can't think of a better career.

"It was kind of the only thing I ever wanted to do. Particularly overseas, it's very worthwhile," he said.

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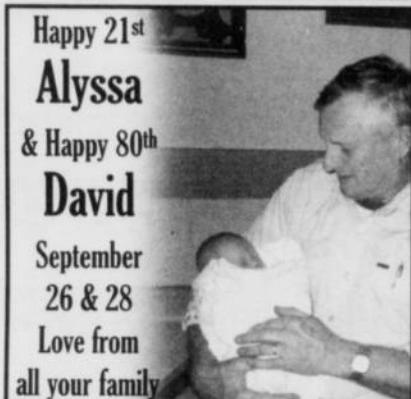
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